

Beyond Hypocrisy: Decoding the News w/ Edward S. Herman

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Edward Herman was an economist who taught at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He was also highly skilled at exposing media lies, fabrications and propaganda. He was the author of many books, including Beyond Hypocrisy, The Real Terror Network, The Politics of Genocide and The Myth of the Liberal Media. He was author with Noam Chomsky of Manufacturing Consent, one of the most influential books on the media ever written. He passed away in November 2017 at the age of 92.

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there are two media watch organizations in the United States one is called flame and the other is camera and they focus on mainstream media coverage of Israel and they have been very critical of mainstream media coverage particularly National Public Radio News reporting for example contending that it's very biased and anti-israel to what extent are the media talk more about media connivance with the State Department I mean how does that work does the Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East affairs call up the you know Abe Rosenthal at the New York Times and say Abe we need an editorial supporting Israel in our policy how does it work

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usually on the other side I think it's so anyway in any case what they do is they accept sourcing from the US government and the Israeli government they're very generous not critically and they don't they don't do much in the way of sourcing from alternative sources ended the commentator here partner but I think that the whole thing is greatly affected by the by pressure groups Israeli supporters of Israel

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groups Israeli supporters of Israel they're very well organized in Philadelphia one Spectre was running against this woman in the Senate election a lot of money they local supporters of Israel what with all our perspective a continuous streams of letters paper they visited the Philadelphia Inquirer the pressure was intense there the local head of the World Zionist are the Zionist Organization of America I am was informed by an inquiry insider communicated with the paper every day by a fact commenting on and always criticizing them for being anti-israel every single day this man would write would affect criticisms and he teeth he terrorized but he had many lies they really carried out a policy that that got the deeper in line the paper hired or had a reporter reporting on the specter campaign who I thought was incredibly biased that they respect recently he never reported for me on the AIPAC campaign AIPAC supportive campaign the inspectors at least \$120,000 and they got lined up a lot of PACs to give him money and there was on there all kinds of mailing campaigns put out by the specter campaign claiming that yaeko was virtually an anti-semite and trying to

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virtually an anti-semite and trying to raise money on this page but these that all these campaigns were extremely powerful but then in the news coverage was very seriously biased Victor his role the Anita Hill hearings and especially getting Clarence Thomas on the Supreme Court his support of capital punishment and he's done a lot of pretty bad things hardly discussed at all they weren't raised by the local media and they did look huge attention on the allegation that this woman said Kennedy ankle and her Presbyterian Church wasn't anti-semitic because they had had debates on the Middle East where state anti-Israel statements had been made converted into her anti-semitism or her character's anti-semitism it was amazing but the prayer the local big paper really came in this is David Barr saw me on and I'm talking to author and media critic Edward Herrmann well ed from I mean what you're saying it sounds like that you object to this campaign because the bias was is not one that you support continuing bullying quality with all kinds of threats attached to it and its result was very biased reporting

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and its result was very biased reporting oh I'm all for people writing letters and doing their thing but this this was one of such intensity and bullying character and it was it was really twisting arms and as a result was pernicious I mean it'll mean the result in that spectre-1 I mean the result that the news coverage was really bad it was really it was not impartial it was not really quality news that addressed the issues well let me ask you about something some years ago I was interviewing the director of the anti-defamation league in Denver and I asked him if by definition criticism of the State of Israel was anti-semitic and his response was that since Israel is the state of the Jewish people that criticism of Israel is anti-semitic how do you respond to that have you any really believe feel and act on but I don't know if you saw that

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on but I don't know if you saw that yesterday's New York Times where Thomas Friedman actually mentions that there's been a change in attitude along that line in that when the Likud government was in the view of Port Horace and others was that you can but now that the Rabine government is in an is engaging in certain accommodations or are not very great but but it's it's talking it's doing they be doing business with the Palestinians in TLO the position of Port Orange is that we should criticize Israel so it appears that for them further on the this powerful right-wing faction criticism of Israel is okay and when the Israeli government is not fitting their particular version of how to be behaving which is a very hard line but getting back to your point on anti-semitism I think that then I think there was a book I believe by the Perlmutter called the new anti-semitism came out in the early eighties and I haven't read that for a long time but I remember that that book in fact made things anti-semitism that would be hurtful to Israel across the board if you were against the military budget it seemed to me that they were suggesting that since that might hurt Israel that could be classified as anti-semitic so I think there has been sort of this implicit definitely definition of anti-semitism to be not hating Jews but doing something damaging to Israel I think that has become very important but it's not usually openly

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important but it's not usually openly admitted who's much discussion that's a terrible position David I mean thank you I think it's even terrible for Israelis or we're just Israel to take the position that you can't criticize Israel I think that it's damaging to Israel's welfare in Israel should be something capable of being subjected to criticism at home and abroad I think this in fact is one of the real problems of the world know that because of the kind of attitude that Israel can't be criticized and the pressures that our papers and politicians Israel has had too much of a free hand there's much talk of course in the media about UN Security Council resolutions vis a vis Iraq the UN Security Council has also passed many resolutions dealing with Israel Turkey Indonesia the United States itself what has been the level of compliance more years in the B's of the United States or other Western powers like your rock find that in for strenuous

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since in the American media that there's any or the rules being everybody well a high UN official earlier this week said that quote Iraq cannot pick and choose how it implements UN resolutions unquote [Music] doublespeak dictionary you define self-defense as our and our closest allies right to attack anybody at discretion for any reason satisfactory to ourselves well in that late June bombing of Baghdad the missile attack President Clinton announced quote the Iraqi attack against President Bush was an attack against our country and against all Americans now I may have missed something here but I wasn't aware of an Iraqi attack against President Bush there is an alleged plot

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President Bush there is an alleged plot which was never consummated it sounds like you don't have much faith in the Kuwaiti Justice too much faith in the Kuwaiti justice system but but the amazing thing the Clinton administration of course destroyed the whatever integrity that trial had by bombing and therefore saying these people weren't guilty so I mean I don't think anybody's commented on that fact by vomiting when a trial was in process you destroy the integrity of the trial then of course the trial wasn't finished and then though the facts were not all in but as you say a bombing did not occur I mean an assassination did not occur but of course article 51 doesn't talk about it talks about self-defense and all the interpretations the international law is talking about the self-defense in the sense somebody is attacking you and you don't have time to go to the UN to get the UN to do something about so you must resist the attack which is overwhelming in the media which obviously doesn't apply at all to that case so no to hold the legal interpretation and yesterday's New York Times had an editorial Saddam Hussein is at it again and a lead front-page story once again US and allies tried diplomacy on back that this is written by Thomas Friedman essentially saying that the US and its allies are making great efforts to bring Saddam Hussein's regime into

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to bring Saddam Hussein's regime into compliance with because they're hoping the whole Iraqi people children have died boycott process and so in a very important sense this is hostage-taking or the national scale what do you think of that argument it sounds plausible the whole population is hostage we're insisting on starving people well maybe maybe it's really wholesale parents above a truly unique well maybe the US and the UN should consider bombing Ankara or Jakarta for their violation of UN Security Council resolutions or Washington well there is there is a plan of float I understand from highly placed sources that the Cuban Air Force is soon to launch an attack on Washington because it has documental evidence that the United States not just planned assassination attacks on Fidel Castro but actually implemented them in the early 90s during operation somewhere

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and the logic business that you're suggesting that Castro our logic would be perfectly justified in bubbling water turn your attention if you will to Somalia where you have extraordinary events such as UN peacekeepers kill Somalis u.s. helicopter gunships attack Somali warlords in strongholds what's going on in Somalia and of course there

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going on in Somalia and of course there are always collateral getting mad striking back well it seems that the woggs don't know their place they don't know their place and when they strike back my god do they think they are what could you do they think they're operating it actually killed Americans I mean we brought over five hundred thousand people to bomb the hell out of the country and actually hit the or decision to shoot back at our boys imagine them doing this and so really we have a just flawless from from way back incredible self-righteousness we have a right to be anywhere do anything but no matter what well speaking of

indochina the historian Marilyn Young has said that the u.s. attack on Indochina is a struggle against quote willed historical amnesia I'd like you to talk about the the endless reports to revelations of new sightings and new proof and new documents of US troops being held prisoner in Vietnam I mean the latest case just a couple of days ago I mean this this never ends a senator from New Hampshire Bob Smith just went to Vietnam and he announced that he's convinced Americans are still being held captive in that country what there were you and in fact we all the

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there were you and in fact we all the Vietnamese reparations we should be talking about reparations and war crimes trials should have been held involving significant numbers of American leaders yeah it's interesting you should say that because you'll recall that when Robert McNamara was shown the Pentagon Papers he said they could hang people for what's in here justified we're talking about for Bosnia and Iraq also and for Iraq as well for a rock well you you carefully monitor the media how many reports have you seen on Vietnamese lotion or Cambodians missing in action

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I recall general Westmoreland making that infamous statement about the oriental doesn't value life the way a westerner does what's let's turn our attention in a few minutes we have remaining to public electronic media in the United States a national public radio and PBS now you have a couple of public radio stations in your hometown Philadelphia WHYY and WX PN about them first was proposed

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to their utter embarrassment and it wouldn't hurt them because they had moved away from their original purposes of serving the Doherty audiences alike and they had sort of mainstream and therefore the new station wouldn't be competing very much with them and I think that's not really telling you know but of course part of the reason they have abandoned their original purposes if they've been under huge financial pressure the regulars and even before that the Conservatives have always hated it poses a threat of independent something independent of the commercial mix and commercial stations it being much more conservative than the station's even though the national stations and PBS stations are on the payroll so avoid a hurry it's

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payroll so avoid a hurry it's interesting that here that state the state control should be being exercised over the PBS National Public Radio and the commercial stations are free of the government and yet during the Vietnam War the PBS airing this had abused so it's a very telling insight into the meaning of commercial processes how they affect the media but because the conservators hated PBS there's no public radio for these reasons they tried it once tried to defund them keep funding love keep them honest closed string and then the Reagan era and they did even more and they've also tried to push them into reliance on commercial advertisers so-called underwriting yeah underwriting to make to help make them subject to the same kind of pressures and that all worked although I think PBS so marginally better maybe than the commercial and I think they could be revived I think you should be on the progressive agenda to get the back to their previous state or better but there was a deliberate effort made to make the more conservative in Philadelphia WHYY is very mainstream culture oriented station that I'm too much in the way of critical stuff XP is a station that the University of Pennsylvania and it brought into the commercial business but the process that it hired a guy some years ago who whose aim has been to create its circulation its audience share what its audience share its audience share yeah so that wasn't the message it wasn't that he was devoted to

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message it wasn't that he was devoted to but he was devoted to getting its market share and I'm afraid we're running out of time it's I'd like to thank you very very much for joining us my guest has been Edward Herrmann talking to us from his home in Pennsylvania I'm David Barr Samuel thank you for listening

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